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Dear Mr. Redmond,

Most people would consider that my answering a letter like yours of the 18th, one other than you might take to be arrogant, is a sign of serious intention.

I do have a public record. I have published more books than anyone else on the subject of assassinations. They do speak for themselves. Or have you had so little interest you are unaware of their content or of my history, a minor part of which is in the current Yale Law Review.

You, on the other hand, are and must remain an unknown quantity to me.

So, whatever your theory may be, you can write it to me or put it on a cassette and send it or not as you see fit. If I have a fraction of the concern you profess you would do this without hesitation. If you are worried, as I would not be and my life shows I am not, you can register it. This means it has to be sealed in a certain way and that there must be a record of every official hand in which it rests. However, if you do this, please do not do it until after May 2 because for almost all the time between your receipt of this and that day I will be away.

I have spent more time in this field than anyone else. I think I know more about the fact and the possibilities than anyone else. I am and have been doing this work without income or support. Without these limitations, do you think that anyone in his right mind and having anything else to do ~~xxxx~~ - knowing nothing at all about what you have in mind or whether existing evidence rules it out - would promise to make a special trip to New York, another to Dallas and perhaps others elsewhere?

Until I know what you have in mind I can't make any promises. It may be an illusion, it may be something I have already checked out.

However, I do go to Dallas whenever I can. And I will be in New York City in a few days but my schedule is already heavier than it should be and I do not make promises I cannot keep. And I have spent months working elsewhere.

When for 11 years I have worked as I have, without subsidy or profit or its possibility, I do not take kindly to the tone of your letter. You propose doing nothing but talking. I presume you make a living. And, without having even asserted any credentials, professional or otherwise, you presume to dictate terms and conditions to one who has done the work and accumulated the information I have.

Despite all these things if what you have in mind is reasonable I will want to check it out. Why else have I spent the past 11 years as I have?

I don't like to appear impolite. But here you are, claiming to have information, and you haven't even checked my published work alone, something like a million words, to determine whether whatever is in your mind has appeared in this work or is ruled out by it. Were you in my position, would you regard this as reasonable?

While theories are, as articulated and substituted for fact, the greatest single hindrance to establishing truth today, there is none I have not listened to and there are none worthy of a second thought that I have not explored to the degree possible.

If you are unwilling to let me make my own judgements, based on the work and knowledge I have, I'd rather this correspondence proceed no further. I do not work 18 or more unpaid hours a day to engage in futilities. There is too much serious work that has promise for which I have no time. On the other hand, if you are willing to tell me whatever it is that disturbs you, I will tell you what I think of it and what I think may be within my capabilities.

Sincerely,